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The Honorable Troy Miller
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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Washington, DC 20229

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are writing to express our support for establishing a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) preclearance facility at Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport. Such an act would improve the travel economies of both of our countries and signal the importance of our relationship with Taiwan.

As you know, Congress has funded preclearance facilities because they make travel easier for both Americans and foreigners flying to the United States. By clearing immigration and customs at the point of departure, CBP is able to stop inadmissible travelers before they arrive here, travelers can begin their vacations or business trips faster, and airlines can park precleared flights at far more gates and airports in the United States than flights from abroad that still require screening. Our crowded domestic CBP facilities need to screen fewer arriving passengers, which makes inbound travel easier for everyone. Expanding preclearance will help our travel industry, which has been decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Taiwan is a particularly good choice for the next CBP preclearance facility. All other such facilities are located in Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, or the Middle East. Taoyuan airport, which hosts numerous non-stop flights to the United States, makes sense as a location for the first U.S. preclearance installation in East Asia. Taiwan is America's 9th-largest trading partner in goods and its government is strongly supportive of such a program. Like other countries with CBP preclearance, the Taiwanese government would share the cost. [Note: We can arrange confirmation of this point from Taiwan's embassy if desired.]

I understand Taiwan has made a formal application to CBP for preclearance at Taoyuan International Airport. I urge you to give it favorable consideration on an expedited basis.

Your truly,

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